

# SOUTHEND HIGH SCHOOL FOR BOYS

## ACADEMY GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Dear Parent(s),

**Re: Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Expeditions 2019**

The practice expedition will take place on **27<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> April 2019**. We would ask that your son could be dropped off at **Skreen's Park Scout campsite** (postcode **CM1 4NN**) at **10:00 on the Saturday morning** for **groups 1-5** and **10:30 for groups 6-10**. Your son will be told which group he is in during the training sessions.

In order for your son to attend the expedition weekend, you must complete the health form on WisePay. In order to access this form you will need to locate "D of E Bronze Expedition 2019" under the 'trips and visits' icon and proceed to the usual payment screen; please be assured that the cost has been set at £0.00 meaning there is no risk of you being charged any additional amounts. Please ensure that this form is submitted (by pressing the 'save details' button) by **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2019**.

Please be aware that there are some students attending the expedition with severe nut allergies. As a result, we would ask that students do not bring raw nut products with them for this weekend. We apologise for any inconvenience this causes.

The boys should arrive ready to walk, with their rucksacks suitably packed following the guidance that has been given. A kit list is attached to this letter. If more information is needed on equipment etc. then this may be found on the main Duke of Edinburgh Award website. **No student will be able to walk if they do not have a rain coat, a sleeping bag, and a first aid kit with any necessary medications as indicated by the medical form.**

All kit must be contained in a rucksack that is suitable for a walk. The rucksacks should have approximately 60L capacity, and should have a waist band to support the weight of the bag. If students are not sure if the bag they have is suitable, we encourage them to bring the bags into school and/or talk to their leaders for advice.

Students will be given their part of the group kit in the week before the expedition. They must have this packed in their bag for the expedition.

Students will not be able to use their mobile phones during the expedition. We ask that all groups have at least one mobile phone available in case of emergencies. These will be taped into a waterproof bag and will not be opened unless needed. Students who bring mobile phones will be able to phone their parents to let them know a more accurate finishing time. Groups that wish to take photographs during the expedition may do so on a mobile phone, but will need to remove the SIM card. Any phones brought on expedition are at the owner's risk.



We expect that the boys should be finishing around **13:00-14:00 on the Sunday**, but please do not leave home until your son has called you, as this is only an estimate. The actual arrival time will depend on the group's departure time in the morning and their navigational ability. The end point for the expedition is **Skreen's Park**.

The assessed expedition will take place on **18<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> May** in the Danbury area. Further details, including drop-off and pick-up points for the assessed expedition, will be sent after the practice expedition.

If there are any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us via [enquiries@shsb.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@shsb.org.uk).

Yours sincerely

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